

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Nebraska

____ Division

Steven Butler Pro se

Case No.

24 cv 3002

(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

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Jury Trial: (check one) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Officer Jeffers # 90255 Blythe #90281 Vilman #90283
boden #90277 Danburg #90279

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

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COMPLAINT FOR A CIVIL CASE

I. The Parties to This Complaint

A. The Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name	Steven Butler
Street Address	700 R street #81111
City and County	Lincoln, lancaster County
State and Zip Code	Nebraska 68501
Telephone Number	561-321-7929
E-mail Address	constitutionmeu@gmail.com

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name Officer Jeffers # 90255

Job or Title *(if known)*

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address *(if known)*

Defendant No. 2

Name Officer Danburg #90279

Job or Title *(if known)*

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address *(if known)*

Defendant No. 3

Name Officer Vilman #90283

Job or Title *(if known)*

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address *(if known)*

Defendant No. 4

Name Officer Blythe #90281

Job or Title *(if known)*

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address *(if known)*

Defendant No. 5
Name Offer Boden #90277
Job or Title (if known)
Street Address
City and County
State and Zip Code
Telephone Number
E-mail Address (if known)

II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction (limited power). Generally, only two types of cases can be heard in federal court: cases involving a federal question and cases involving diversity of citizenship of the parties. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, a case arising under the United States Constitution or federal laws or treaties is a federal question case. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, a case in which a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation and the amount at stake is more than \$75,000 is a diversity of citizenship case. In a diversity of citizenship case, no defendant may be a citizen of the same State as any plaintiff.

What is the basis for federal court jurisdiction? *(check all that apply)*



Federal question



Diversity of citizenship

Fill out the paragraphs in this section that apply to this case.

A. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is a Federal Question

List the specific federal statutes, federal treaties, and/or provisions of the United States Constitution that are at issue in this case.

42 U.S. code 1983 Excessive Use Of Force

Amendment 8 of the Constitution Cruel And Unusual Punishment

B. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is Diversity of Citizenship**1. The Plaintiff(s)****a. If the plaintiff is an individual**

The plaintiff, *(name)* Steven Butler, is a citizen of the State of *(name)* Nebraska.

b. If the plaintiff is a corporation

The plaintiff, *(name)*, is incorporated under the laws of the State of *(name)*, and has its principal place of business in the State of *(name)*.

(If more than one plaintiff is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing the same information for each additional plaintiff.)

2. The Defendant(s)**a. If the defendant is an individual**

The defendant, *(name)*, is a citizen of the State of *(name)*. Or is a citizen of *(foreign nation)*.

b. If the defendant is a corporation

The defendant, (name) _____, is incorporated under the laws of the State of (name) _____, and has its principal place of business in the State of (name) _____.

Or is incorporated under the laws of (foreign nation) _____, and has its principal place of business in (name) _____.

(If more than one defendant is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing the same information for each additional defendant.)

3. The Amount in Controversy

The amount in controversy—the amount the plaintiff claims the defendant owes or the amount at stake—is more than \$75,000, not counting interest and costs of court, because *(explain)*:
The Plaintiff is seeking actual punitive Damages in excess of \$75,000.00

III. Statement of Claim

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

Plaintiff appeared to at the Lancaster County Court house on an unrelated matter before the court. as the plaintiff was seated in a public hallway, Multiple Sheriff Officer approached him Officer Jeffers # 90255 Blythe #90281 Vilman #90283 boden #90277 Danburg #90279 And possible some other officers with the sheriffs. and began to physically seize him. unsure of what was happening, the plaintiff help onto the arm c his chair to avoid being thrown to the floor. Plaintiff did not threaten or attempt to take or touch the officers equipment. plaintiff was immediately sprayed in the face with pepper spray and was pinned to the ground by several officers with one of his arms stuck under his body. when he was unable to produce the arm for _____

IV. Relief

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages.

Plaintiff wishing the Defendant (s) be responsible for his physical injuries he sustained during this incident as he continues to be impacted by them.

plaintiff requests \$500,000 or pain and suffering both current and future and emotional distress. additionally,

Plaintiff wish that the defendant (s) pay punitive damages in the amount of \$750,000 as a deterrent to future abusive of power such as he suffered.

V. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: 1-2-24

Signature of Plaintiff



Printed Name of Plaintiff

Steven Butler pro se

B. For Attorneys

Date of signing: _____

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Steven Butler Pro se

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